

# BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

**TWO TO ONE**  
 If one to one it may be fair,  
 but two to one may bring despair.

—Old Mother Nature  
 A too venturesome half-grown  
 Gray Fox was in trouble. He was  
 what is sometimes called a  
 neck of trouble. I suspect he  
 would have said he was in a bus-  
 sel of trouble. Anyway, he thought  
 it was in as great trouble as he  
 would be. He found he wasn't.

Reddy Fox is not a climber,  
 but his cousin, Gray Fox, is. The  
 venturesome young Fox was a son  
 of Gray Fox, and he had already  
 gained to climb. This time he was



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higher than he ever had been be-  
 fore. He had noticed a lot of  
 sticks high up in a tree, and had  
 climbed up to see what they were  
 up there for. He found out. They  
 were the foundation of a big nest;  
 the nest of Redtail the Hawk. The  
 young Fox had climbed into it. He  
 didn't know whose nest it was.

The truth is, he didn't think any-  
 thing about it. It was empty. The  
 young Hawks had flown. He was  
 a little tired when he climbed  
 into that nest, and he lay down  
 and rested. He looked up and saw  
 a brown speck up in the sky sail-  
 ing round and round, but it didn't  
 mean a thing to him, not a thing.  
 He didn't see it growing bigger  
 and bigger as it came down out  
 of the blue, blue sky. He was  
 startled almost out of his wits by  
 a fierce scream, as Redtail hover-  
 ed just over him, threatening  
 to tear him with his big claws.

The young Fox had never seen  
 a big fierce bird like this before,  
 and he was terribly frightened.  
 He wanted to get back down on  
 the ground, and get there in a  
 hurry. He was afraid of that great  
 bird. But when he looked over  
 the edge down to the ground he  
 was filled with another fear. He  
 hadn't been afraid to climb up,  
 because all the time he was look-  
 ing up, and not realizing how far  
 above the ground he was getting.  
 Now, looking down at the ground  
 so far away, he was afraid to  
 even try to get out of that nest  
 and climb down. Perhaps he felt  
 dizzy. Anyway he was afraid.

If the young Fox had been a  
 little smaller Redtail would not  
 have hesitated to attack him. As  
 it was he would swoop down and  
 threaten brush past without  
 striking the young Fox. All the  
 time he was screaming. Suddenly  
 there was another scream. Then  
 to the young Fox it seemed as if  
 the air was full of great beating

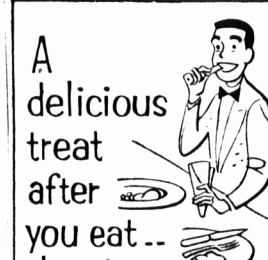
wings, clucking hooked  
 bills, and fierce threatening hooked  
 bills. Mrs. Redtail had heard Red-  
 tail's screaming, and had come  
 to see what the trouble was.

Redtail alone had been bad en-  
 ough, but now it was two to one.  
 The young Fox was in despair.  
 He didn't dare stay there, and he  
 didn't dare climb down. If only  
 mother would come. He was sure  
 he would be safe then. He was sure  
 she would be safe then. Mother  
 felt safe with mother. Mother  
 always knew just what to do. So  
 did father, for that matter. It  
 would be all right if father should  
 come now. But he thought of mother  
 first.

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 great birds had! And how those  
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 screams frightened him as much  
 as the birds themselves did. How  
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 of climbing up to that nest.

"I'll never leave the ground  
 again," whimpered the little Fox.  
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## Seek To Retain Custody

DEDHAM, Mass. (AP)—Coun-  
 sel for Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Ellis,  
 seeking to retain custody of four-  
 year-old Hildy McCoy charged  
 Monday the child's natural mother  
 Mrs. Marjorie McCoy Doherty,  
 knew the Ellises were Jewish  
 when she consented to the child's  
 adoption.

The Ellises' allegation was con-  
 tained in six petitions filed in  
 court by lawyer James Zisman.  
 Zisman said it was new evidence  
 not available at previous court  
 hearings. The petition asked the  
 court to quash orders for return of  
 the child to her natural mother.

Mrs. Doherty has contended she  
 did not know until weeks after con-  
 senting to the adoption that Ellises  
 were Jewish.

The Ellises have raised Hildy  
 since she was 10 days old. Two  
 years ago Judge James Reynolds  
 ordered them to return the child  
 to her mother, a Roman Catholic.  
 Under Massachusetts law, a  
 child, "when practicable" must  
 be given in adoption to a couple  
 of the same religion as the child.

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## CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Josephine Culbertson

**AN EASY PROBLEM**  
 THE PLAY of the hand below  
 resolved itself down to this sim-  
 ple matter of "percentages":  
 which is more probable—a finesse,  
 or a 3-2 break of the five mis-  
 ing cards in a suit?  
 South dealer.  
 Both sides vulnerable.

♠ A K J  
 ♥ A J 7 3  
 ♦ J 10 8  
 ♣ Q 6 5

♠ 9 8 2  
 ♥ Q 8 4  
 ♦ 7 3 2  
 ♣ 10 4 3

♠ Q 10 7 3  
 ♥ K 10 9 2  
 ♦ 6 5  
 ♣ 9 8 3

♠ 8 5 4  
 ♥ A K Q 4  
 ♦ A K J 4

The bidding:  
 South West North East  
 1♦ Pass 1♥ Pass  
 2♥ Pass 4NT Pass  
 5♥ Pass 5NT Pass  
 6♥ Pass 6NT Pass  
 7♦ Pass Pass Pass

North was remarkably opti-  
 stic in this auction, but South  
 could supply some of the cards  
 that North should have held, so  
 everything came out all right in-  
 sofar as the grand-slam contract

## Charge Patronage In Renting Office Space

OTTAWA (CP)—Political pa-  
 tronage was charged in the Com-  
 mons Tuesday in connection with  
 the renting of privately-owned of-  
 fice space in Quebec City for the  
 federal government.

J. Wilfrid Dufresne (PC—Que-  
 bec West) said there appears to be  
 two kinds of contracts for office  
 space in Quebec City—one for the  
 Quebec City Council of the Cath-  
 olic Labor Syndicates, the other  
 for Maurice Pollack, Quebec City  
 businessman and department store  
 owner.

He spoke during study of works  
 department estimates after Works  
 Minister Winters said 35,000  
 square feet of space at the Cath-  
 olic Syndicates building, head-  
 quarters of the Canadian and  
 Catholic Confederation of Labor,  
 were leased for \$68,504 a year, an  
 average of \$1.95 a square foot.

**QUOTES DIFFERENCE**  
 Mr. Winters said two sections of  
 Maurice Pollack building, totaling  
 almost 47,000 square feet, were  
 leased for a total of about \$104,-  
 000. One section averages \$2.10 a  
 square foot, the other \$2.25.

Mr. Dufresne said he cannot un-  
 derstand why space in the Syn-  
 dicates Building, built a few years  
 ago, should cost less than space  
 in the older Pollack building. It  
 seemed like political patronage.

Mr. Winters said the difference  
 is that accommodations for the  
 unemployment insurance commis-  
 sion in the Syndicates Building in-  
 cludes much open space and  
 therefore warrants less rent.  
 Space in the Pollack edifice in-  
 cluded many small offices, which  
 normally cost more.

## DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- Unadorned
  - Sign of addition
  - More painful
  - Song birds
  - Journeys
  - Abolish, as a law
  - Single unit
  - Music note
  - Another music note
  - Portion of a curved line
  - Travel back and forth
  - City in Conn.
  - Best of burden
  - Embrace
  - High priest
  - Sorrow
  - Scoldings
  - Epoch
  - Half ems
  - Cry of pain
  - Fish
  - Pie pen
  - House (It)
  - To cut again
  - Pleasure craft
  - Male bee
  - Girl's name
  - Male offspring (pl.)
  - End of a hammer head
- DOWN**
- Island in Malay Arch.
  - Dry
  - Twilled fabrics
  - Bitter vetch (Chin.)
  - Strange
  - Narrow roadway
  - Receptacle for coffee
  - Head skeletons
  - Severe
  - Kills
  - Grampus (slang)
  - Egrets
  - Anguish
  - A rattle bird
  - A Chinese dialect
  - Measure
  27. Strange
  28. Com- mands
  30. Some
  31. A place of plenty and comfort
  32. Strikes
  33. A fiber-yielding shrub (E. I.)
  38. Enclosure
  39. Skin disorder
  41. Cry of a dove
  42. Bark, as a dog

**Yesterday's Answer**

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 39. Skin disorder  
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**A Cryptogram Quotation**

XL TGUS GL YGZQVSQ OJ TGUS.  
 LB GL X EBSW L DGZQ YGZQVSQ  
 OJ NBZWXHW NGWM X QUBWMSU  
 EBSW—YSOVS.

Yesterday's Cryptogram: THEY ARE NEVER ALONE THAT ARE ACCOMPANIED WITH NOBLE THOUGHTS—SIDNEY.

**Tilly the Toiler**  
 By Bob Gustafson

**Etha Kent**  
 By Paul Robinson

**Muggs and Skeeter**  
 By Wally Bishop

**Henry**  
 By Carl Anderson

**Bringing Up Father**  
 By George McManus

**Grandma**  
 By Charles Kuhn

**Mickey Mouse**  
 By Walt Disney

**J. LIONPAW MOUTHWASH**—No never fails!  
 By Al Capp

**By Fran Striker**  
 Secret Agent X9

**The Lone Ranger**  
 By Fran Striker

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**Joe Palooka**  
 By Ham Fisher

**By Fran Striker**  
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